



ARSON WATCH

How You Can Help

An arson has occurred in our community. The Seattle Fire Department and Seattle Police Department are actively investigating the crime. Please report any information you believe may be related to arson on the **ARSON ALARM HOTLINE at 1-800-55-ARSON**. A reward may be provided for information resulting in an arson conviction. Persons providing information may remain anonymous. If you see any suspicious activity taking place, please call 911 immediately.

Arson is a crime that can happen at any time, any day of the year. Individuals can make a difference in protecting their home or business. The Seattle Fire Department urges you to take the following steps.

Steps You Can Take

OUTSIDE

- Secure your business and garage area by locking doors and windows.
- Eliminate accumulations of wastepaper, grasses, weeds, litter, or any combustibles from the perimeter of buildings.
- Clear carport areas of materials that could fuel a fire.
- Do not allow dumpsters to become overfilled. Arrange for additional dumpsters or take refuse to transfer stations, if required.
- Locate commercial dumpsters and containers at least five feet away from combustible walls and openings of combustible roof eave lines. Use only metal or metal-lined receptacles.
- Place locks on commercial dumpsters, if possible.
- Trim shrubbery away from doors and windows to improve visibility.
- Consider installing devices that automatically turn on exterior lights when they sense darkness or movement outside the business.

INSIDE

- Test your smoke detectors once a month to make sure they will work in a fire.
- Have your fire extinguishers inspected once a year. Make certain they are serviced when needed and after every use.
- Develop and practice fire evacuation procedures for your business.
- Keep exit ways clear of boxes and other debris which could make evacuation difficult.

For Fire Safety Information

Public Education Office

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